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## Press Release

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### Franklin County Fire Chiefs' Association

### 2016 Junior Firefighter Academy

We are proud to announce the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Junior Firefighter Academy being held July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, at the Franklin County Public Safety Training Center located at 3075 Molly Pitcher Highway, Chambersburg, PA. This year's academy class is open to Junior Firefighters ages 14-17 seeking to expand their knowledge and skills in the delivery of emergency services, while experiencing challenging and important life lessons in character, integrity, responsibility, discipline, accountability, teamwork, and leadership.

The tradition of working with a diverse group of participants from various counties and states remains a goal of the academy. Participants will build upon each other's skills in daily exercises, as well as bond with one another on various trips to Franklin County fire stations, and the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD, for an exclusive tour of the facility and to observe the National Fallen Firefighters and 9/11 Memorials. The academy offers notable guest speakers, and is conducted by fire service professionals from Franklin County and surrounding counties, as well as the Washington, D.C. Metro Area.

#### **Two significant events of the week include:**

- **Annual Appreciation Night, Wednesday evening July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 1730-2100 hours**, featuring a barbeque dinner, formal appreciation presentation with government officials and participant demonstrations and skills challenge.
- **Annual Graduation Ceremony, Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 beginning at 1000 hours**, offering a formal ceremony including certificates of completion and two participant speeches outlining the week long Academy.

*Media is welcome throughout the week. Phone notification is suggested.*

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